

Murray, Flourishing Smelter Town of Salt Lake County.

MURRAY has certainly no cause for complaint against the year just closing. She has received her just share of the prosperity that has been so bounteously poured out throughout the land. All have shared alike—capital and labor, merchant and consumer—peace and plenty on every hand. The recent stringency of the money market that came as a warning note against over-inflation and recklessness in business methods, was but slightly felt in this town, and confidence is being rapidly restored. This apparent result is the departure of a few of the foreign element, which can be easily spared. The recent decision of the circuit court in the suit of the farmers against the smelters has caused some little flurry, and considerable speculation with regard to the future, but it is generally believed that a majority of the smelters will devise methods by which they will be able to comply with the law, as the American Smelting & Refining company is already doing. Such a condition is devoutly to be wished, for all must admit that the future prosperity and development of

one. Collections have been easy and losses correspondingly light. Building has been active notwithstanding the high prices of labor and material. The city hall commenced over a year ago is now completed and occupied. The cost, including the city jail, which is also finished, aggregates \$30,000. The mayor and council have been actively engaged in the improvement of the city as fast as means would permit. A fire station has been erected and important additions made to the fire fighting apparatus. The fire ladders feel quite proud of their new quarters. Considerable improvement has been done upon the streets and roads. State street through the business portion of the town has been repaved and macadamized. Cement curbing has been put down on the west side of the street, and the old plank sidewalks are rapidly giving place to cement. All improvements are of a substantial character and impart an air of permanency to the town.

BUILDINGS.
The two churches commenced a year ago by the Murray First and Second wards have been completed, the first at

is far in advance of anything done in the past. The present enrollment is 254. A truant officer has been actively engaged in looking after delinquents, and every child of school age is believed to be in school.

AN ENTERPRISING BUSINESSMAN.

When in need of anything in the line of pianos, organs, graphophones, records, bicycles, guns, ammunition, cutlery and sundry articles, you can do no better than visit Emil Carlson, 41 Main street. He will save you money on every article which he carries from the fact that he owns his store and warehouse. Does business in a city where taxes are moderate and marks his goods so that his customers receive the benefit of these advantages. His patrons also avoid the inconvenience of going to Salt Lake City. Another advantage is that he is a skilled workman and can accommodate his customers with his excellent goods. He is energetic in disposing of his custom and repair work, and gives special attention to mail orders. Mr. Carlson has done business in Murray for a number of years, and his patrons know of his honesty and reliability.

BRINTON & GUNDERSON.

Erlinton & Gunderson are old time blacksmiths at Holladay. They do all kinds of repair work and make a specialty of horse shoeing. Mr. Brinton has maintained a shop at 23-25th East and Seventeenth South 22, 20 years, and has an enviable reputation as being a first-class mechanic, as has also Mr. Gunderson. Instead of the old log shop occupied for so many years, they now enjoy a substantial two-story building which reflects much credit upon the enterprise of the company. Every device and convenience of late improvement has been installed which enables them to turn out their work in a fit and neat style and with promptness.

MURRAY'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE.

The Emporium is the largest store in Murray, and, although it has been organized less than two years, it has won the confidence of a discriminating public, through having in stock everything required by the average family. The large patronage which it receives enables the company to purchase goods at the lowest possible figure, and this advantage it always shares with its customers.

The Emporium is enabled to undersell Salt Lake firms from the fact that it does not have to pay high rents and other expenses, as it occupies its own building, which is located on the corner of Second avenue and Main street. It is built of buff brick, and the spacious glass front windows are always tastefully decorated with department goods.

The institution works upon the principle of small profits and quick sales, and as a result goods are turned over many times during each year, thus assuring to patrons fresh and up-to-date goods in every department. During the past year the general furnishing department has been greatly enlarged and a complete line of this class of goods is now carried. Their ladies' coats, and ready-made clothing is unsurpassed in the city, and carefully selected stock of dry goods, crockery, glassware, and notions deserves special mention. Their Christmas goods and toys are everything that the public could wish for.

BAND LEADS THE WAY TO CHURCH.

The man who hasn't attended church for a good many years, not, in fact, since he came to Chicago from a small country town to seek his fortune, and at the corner of North Clark and Division streets Sunday night.

It was a warm night and he didn't know where to go. The park was tiresome and beer gardens no longer attracted. Just then a brass band came east from Wells street. It was a band of 30 pieces and it was playing some familiar air. The man recognized a church hymn that he heard long ago, in the little white church on the hill, with the lilac bushes around it.

Following the band was quite a parade. Men carried banners. On the sides of the music boxes he could read plainly the single word "Come."

There may have been 250 persons in the parade. A good many young men, clerks perhaps in some of the big downtown stores, who live in the hot, uncomfortable boarding houses on the North Side. Elderly men and women, too—motherly appearing women who somehow reminded the man of his own mother, down in a little Indiana town where the electric cars hadn't come yet. And young girls in white dresses. All marching along with earnest happy faces.

"I felt kind of foolish for a minute," he said, "but I just joined in that procession. It went down as far as Washington square and then back to the Chicago Avenue church, me with it. Outside the church the band stopped and played a short time. Then a man in a top hat, looking just like a barker at an amusement park to get the people in."

"We want you in there," he shouted. "We don't want your money. We want you. The best store in town. You'd pay 20 cents or \$1 to hear one not any better down town. Come in and hear the Rev. James M. Gray. Right up these stairs, people."

"And he kept waving his arm the way they do out in front of the shows at the amusement parks, and he got the people in, me among them."

"The choir was a good one. There were 30 men in it, mostly young men, though one or two old fellows with white hair were standing. About the same number of girls."

"The Rev. Mr. Gray took for his text—'what do you think?'—the sign at a railroad crossing: 'Railroad crossing. Stop; look; listen.' He talked about Moody's church having held out the danger signal for a good many years, and how people came in there to be saved. It was one of those sermons that are easy to understand."—Chicago Tribune.

Areas of Our Largest Cities

New York is our largest city in area, with 269,000 acres. New Orleans has 125,000; Chicago, 122,000; Philadelphia, 82,000; and San Francisco, 77,000. Seattle has 49,320. Washington is next to Seattle, having 44,000 acres in its city limits. St. Louis, with more than 600,000 population, has an area of 39,276 acres; Boston, with 594,000, has 20,000 acres; Cleveland, with 414,000, has 22,423 acres; Pittsburgh, with 345,000, has 19,418 acres; Cincinnati, with 332,000 inhabitants, has 25,618; Detroit, with a population of 293,000, has 18,338 acres; Minneapolis, with 214,000 people, has 14,105 acres; and St. Paul, with 172,000, has 25,482 acres.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

RECORD CODFISH TAKEN OFF LABRADOR.



The two enormous codfish shown in the cut were taken in Battle harbor, on the coast of Labrador. One measures 5 feet 6 inches in length and the other is several inches longer. Each of them weighs over 200 pounds. The season has been an unusually prolific one for cod. On a single day eight men took 1,600 on the Dogger bank. On the banks of Newfoundland one man has secured as many as 500 in ten hours.



MURRAY'S NEW CITY HALL.
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the state depends upon the perpetuity of both the agricultural, and the mining and smelting industries of the state.

BUSY YEAR FOR SMELTERS.
The smelters have been running to their utmost capacity during the year, and it is safe to predict that the year has been a highly profitable one. It is reported that the bag house recently installed at the A. S. & R. is proving very satisfactory and will save many values that formerly passed away in smoke. Science will no doubt yet completely solve the problem of extracting the poisons and thus preserve the agricultural interests.

TRADE SATISFACTORY.
The report of the merchants is to the effect that all have done a satisfactory business. The volume of business for the 11 months was greater than the whole of last year. True, the past 20 days have experienced a slight lull, but confidence is rapidly returning and the Christmas trade promises to be a heavy

EDUCATIONAL.
The public school system is also fully abreast of the times. The teaching force has been increased, and very satisfactory work is being done. The new text books introduced at the opening of the present school year are much appreciated. Manual training spoke for itself in the magnificent display of work made at the close of the last school year. Excellent progress is being made in music and singing in the grades, and

The Railroads and the People.
Those who have so glibly discussed measures to reduce the revenue and revise the practice of the railroads will find that truth lies at the bottom of the well by reading the article entitled "The Farmer, the Manufacturer and the Railroad," in the November number of the North American Review. Upon premises obtained from the publications and from the officers of the United States government, Mr. Logan J. McPherson demonstrates that the railroads pay a higher average salary than either the farm or the factory, and that they obtain a greater pecuniary return for each dollar of expenditure than either the farm or the factory, but that notwithstanding this the net return to the railroads for each dollar of capital is less than one-half of the net return to the farmers and less than one-third of the net return to the manufacturers.

The farmers during the last ten years have waxed and prospered; the owners of the mills and mines have piled up manifold profits, and the nation has rejoiced exceedingly thereat. The railroads, no less an important factor in the industry and the commerce of the country, have had to struggle to keep abreast of the mounting traffic, in the face of public obloquy engendered and fomented by politicians. There are indications that the people in whom Abraham Lincoln placed his trust are opening their eyes to the performance of the railroads and their needs. That part of the people which can be fooled only part of the time will find enlightenment in Mr. McPherson's article. That part of the people which can be fooled all the time could do worse than to read it. They will not find it brimming with humor nor replete with platitudinous references to any great moral issue, but a clear and cold presentation of facts as they are. Mr. McPherson has performed a public service in making it.—New York Sun.

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